

Muon Collider Cavity Breakdown Progress

Progress of High Pressure Hydrogen Gas Filled RF Cavity Test

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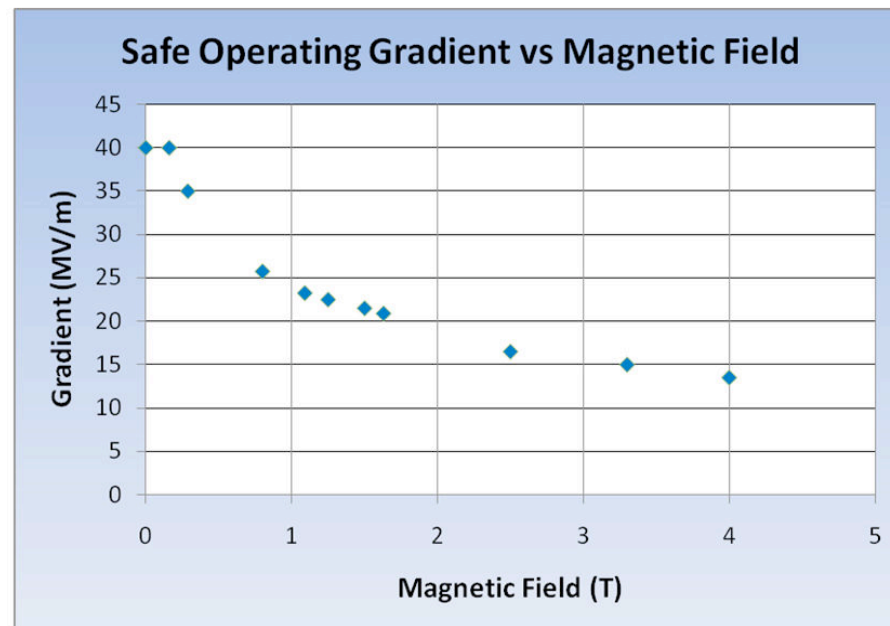
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Advantage of using high pressure hydrogen gas



Challenge in MAP (Muon Accelerator Program) RF part

We have a problem to operate RF
cavities under strong magnetic fields
in muon ionization cooling channels



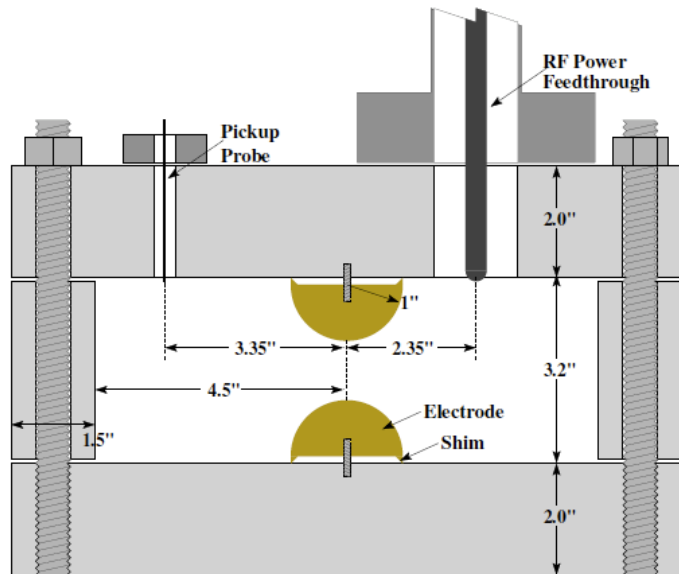
Field emission electron plays an important role to induce RF breakdown
although the breakdown mechanism is not fully understood yet



By filling RF cavity with dense hydrogen gas, field emission electron has a short
mean free path in the cavity and breakdown probability is greatly reduced

R.P. Johnson and D.M. Kaplan, MuCoolNote0195, 2001

Historic result in high pressure RF cavity



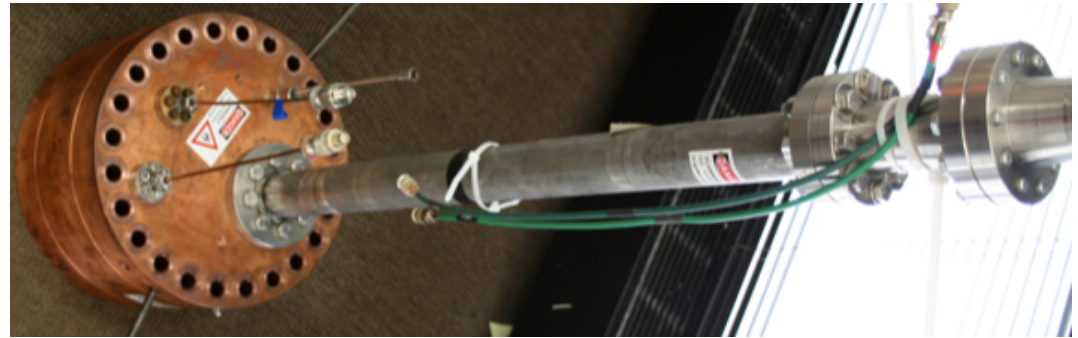
Schematic view of HPRF cavity

Gas breakdown:

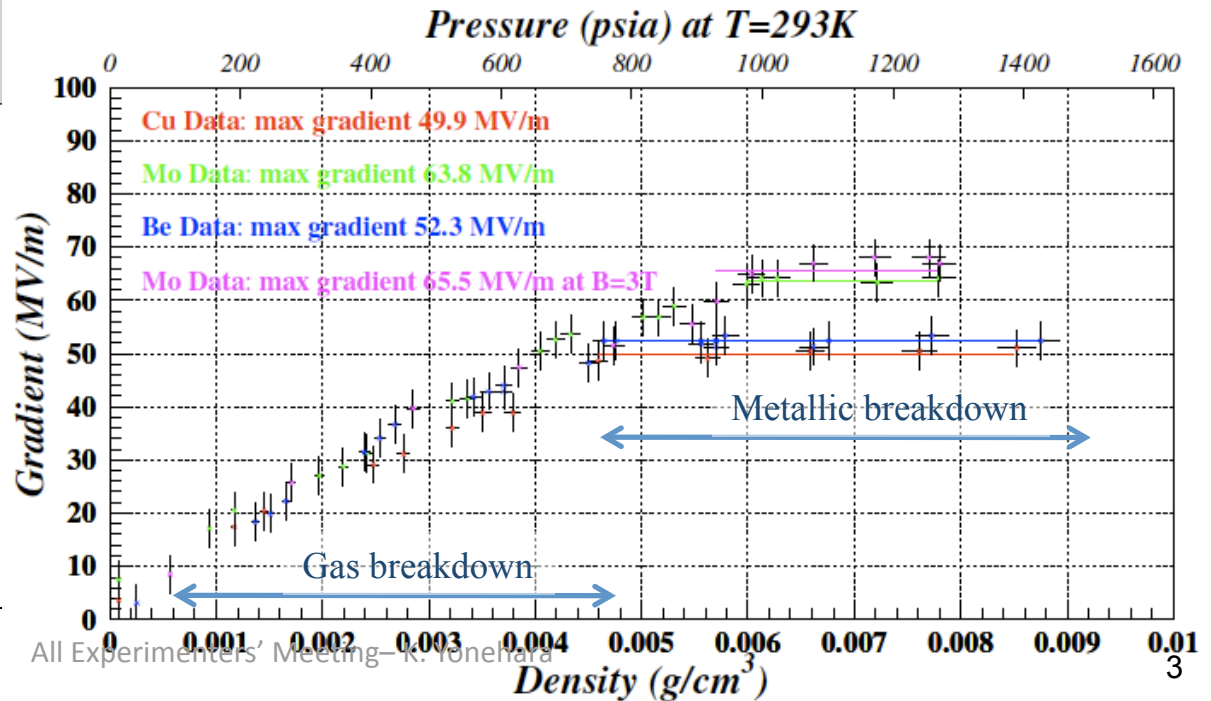
- Linear dependence
- Governed by electron mean free path

Metallic breakdown:

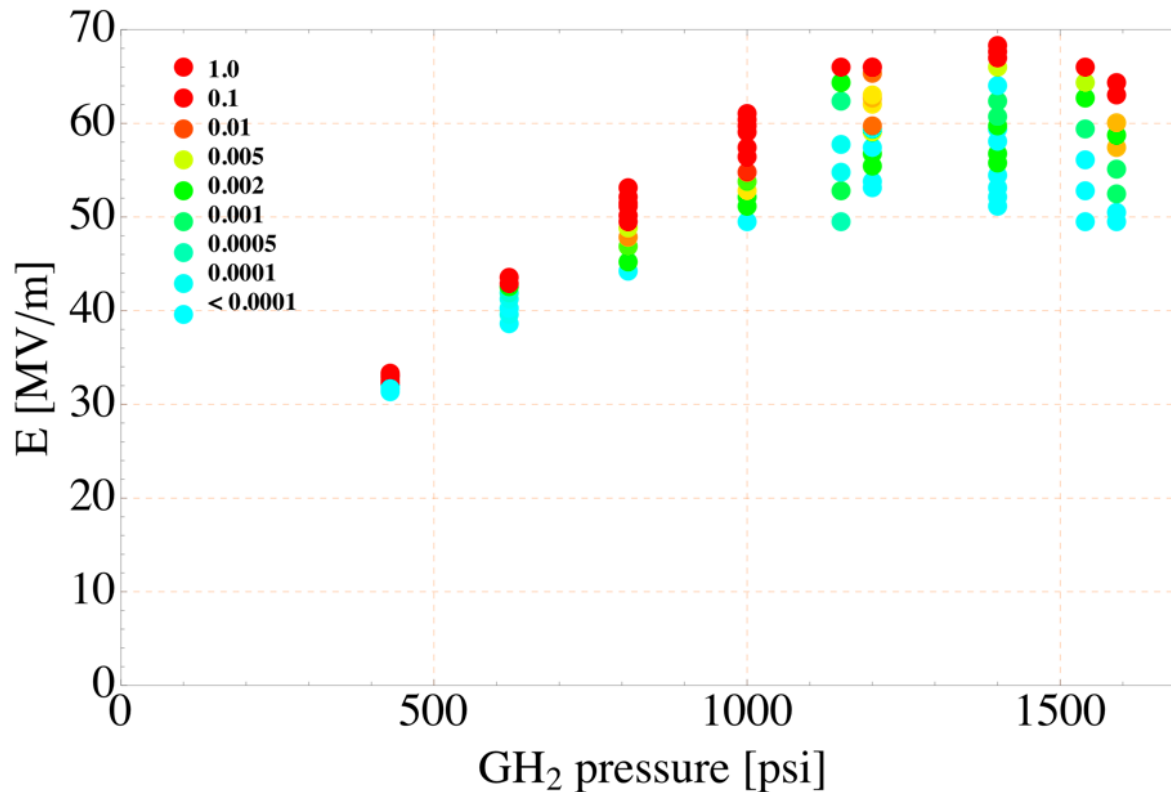
- Plateau
- Depend on electrode material
- No detail study have been made yet



High Pressure RF (HPRF) cavity has been successfully operated in strong magnetic fields

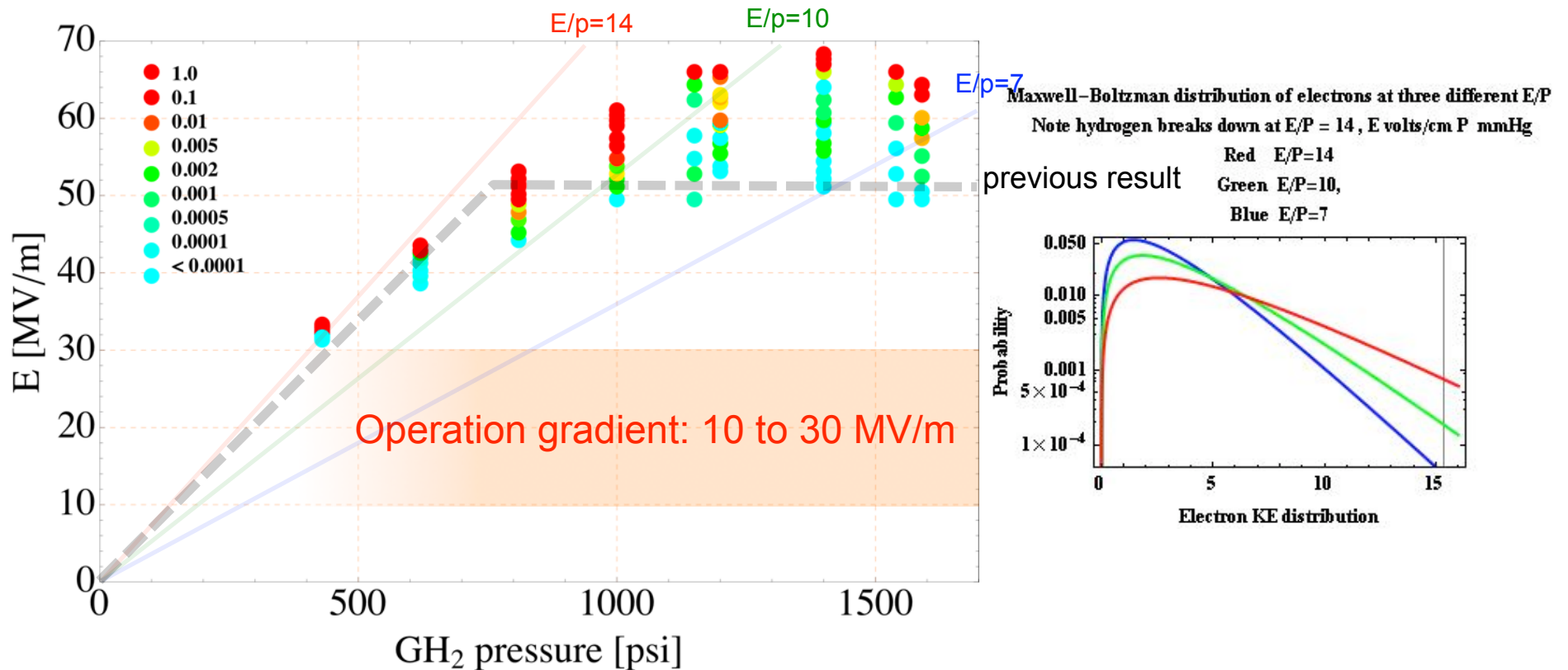


Study breakdown in HPRF cavity: Breakdown probability



Breakdown probability around boundary

The data was systematically taken with copper electrodes



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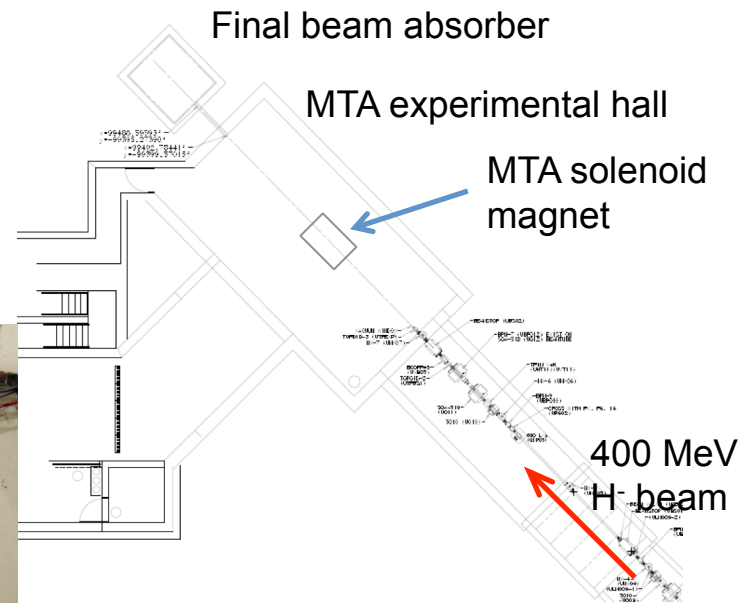
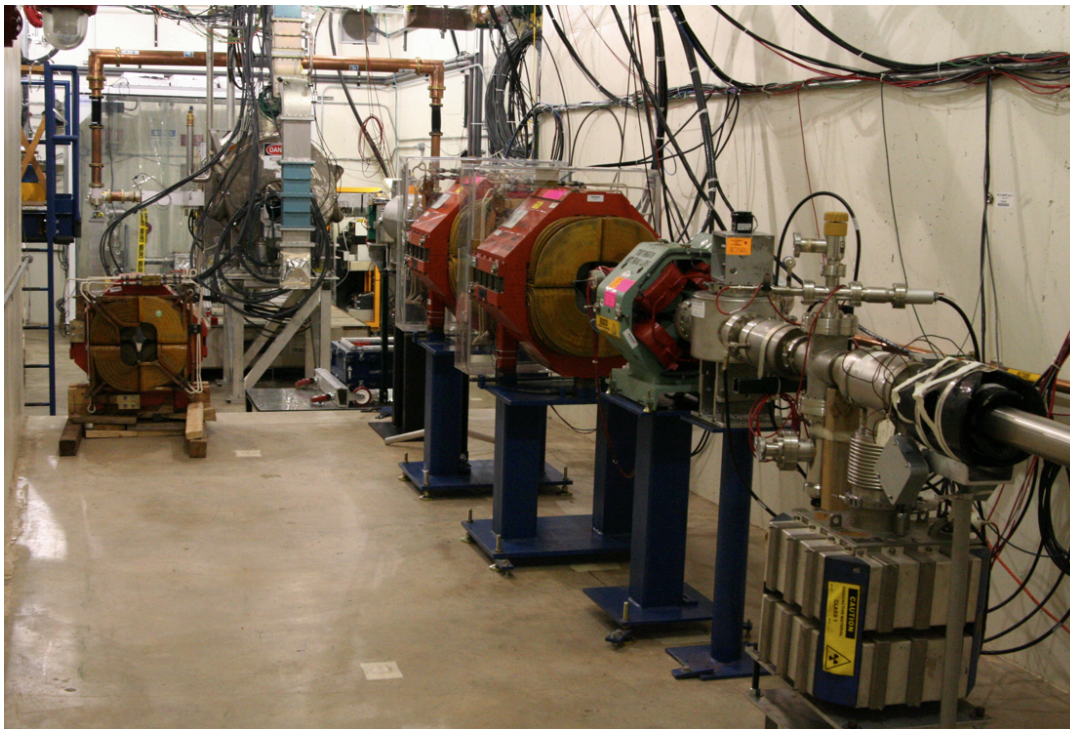
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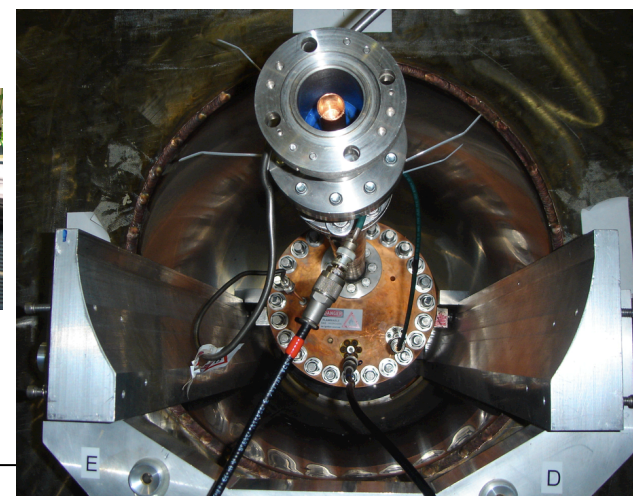
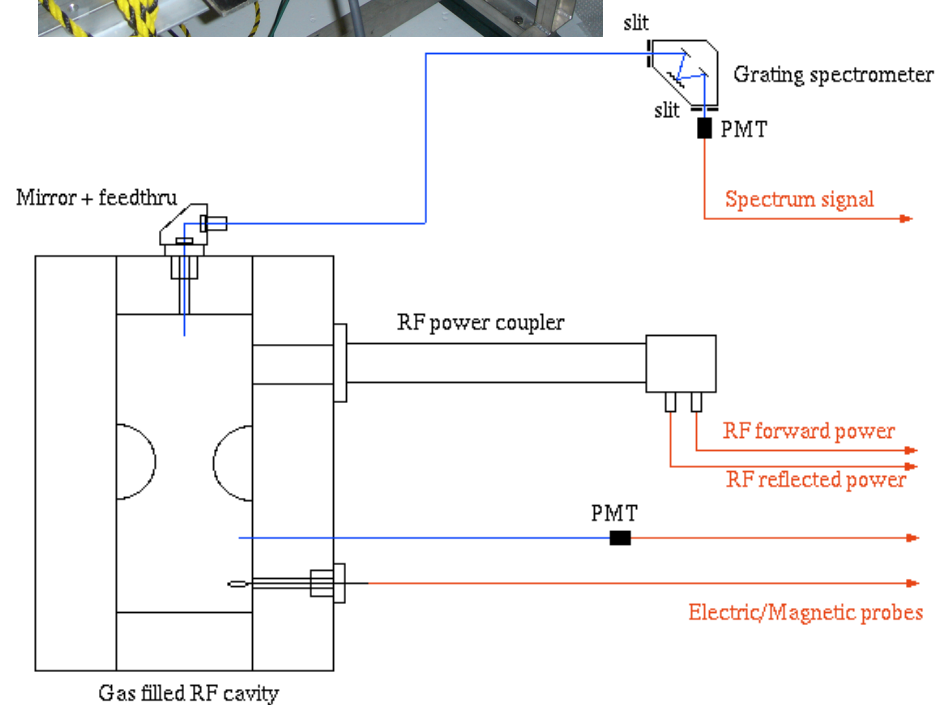
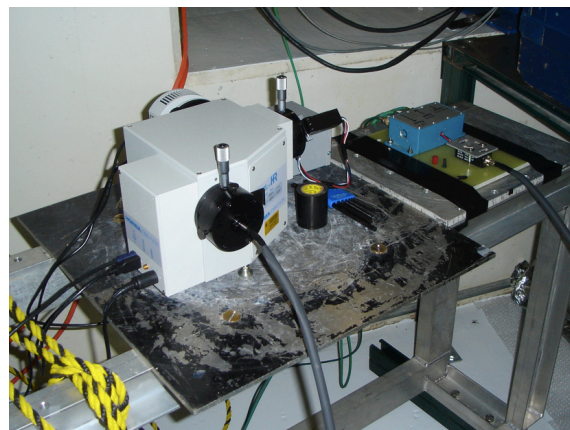
HPRF beam test: MTA Beam line



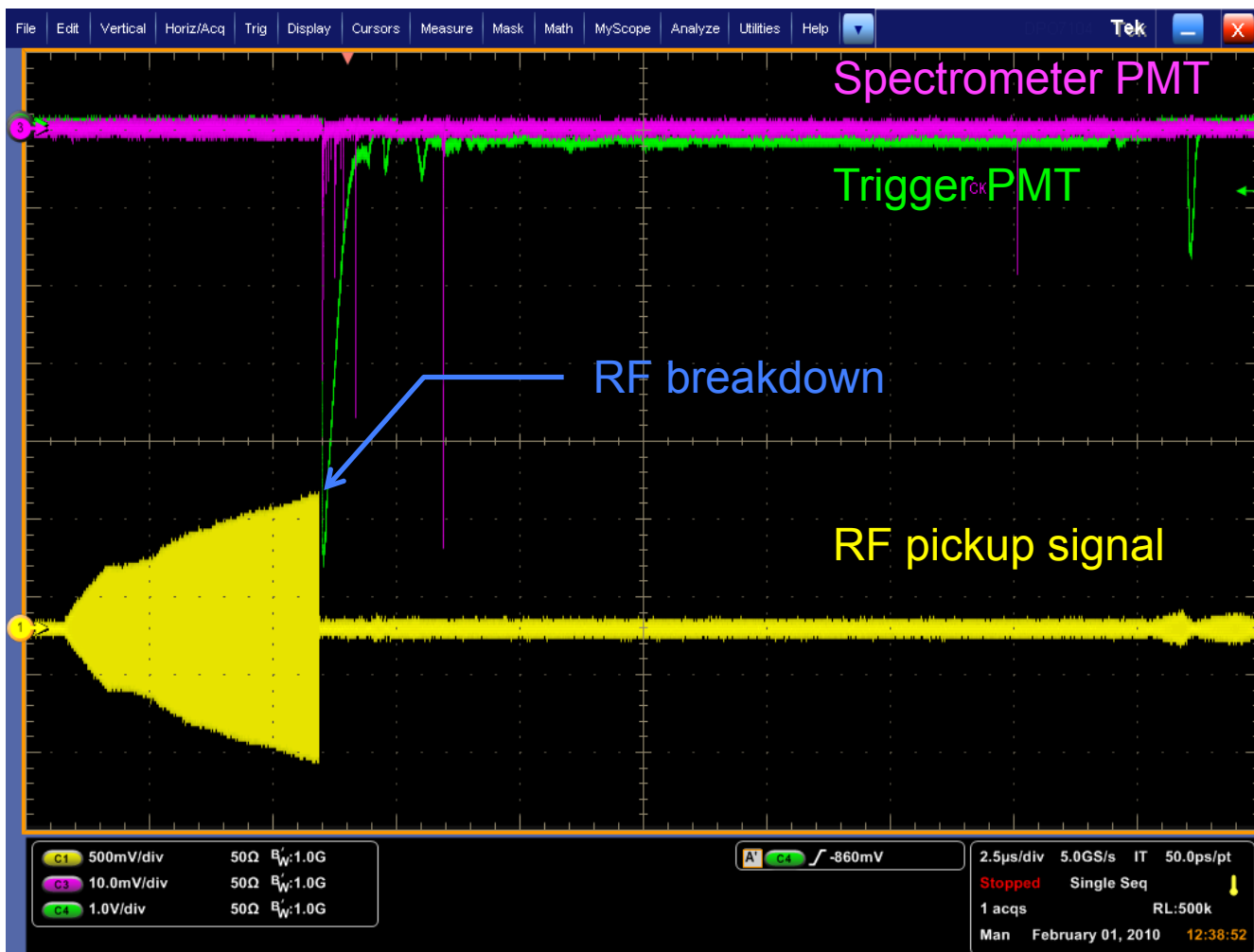
Beam profile

- Deliver 400 MeV protons in the MTA exp. hall
- 10^{12} to 10^{13} protons/pulse
- Tune beam intensity by collimator and triplet (reduce factor 1/10)

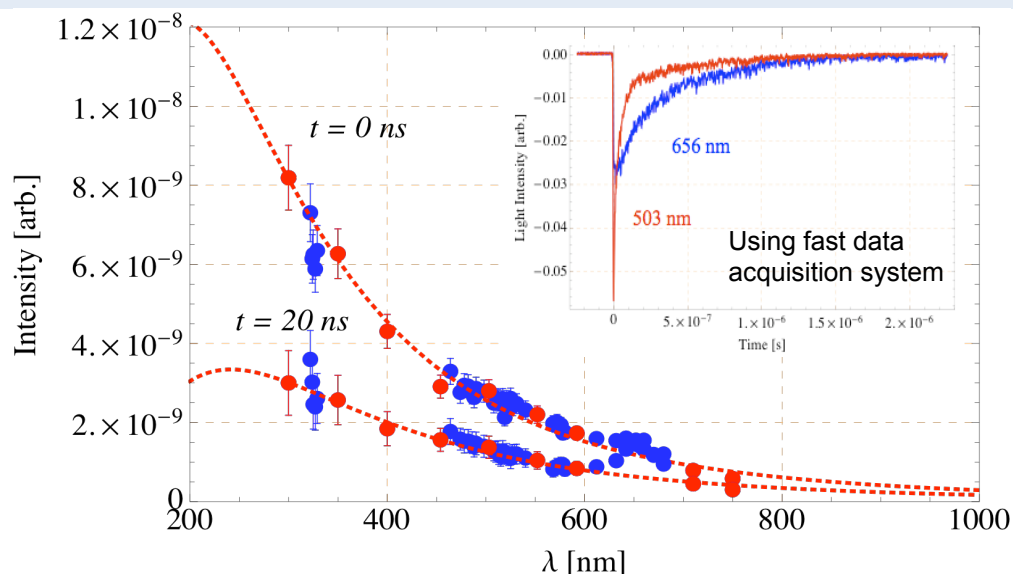




Snapshot



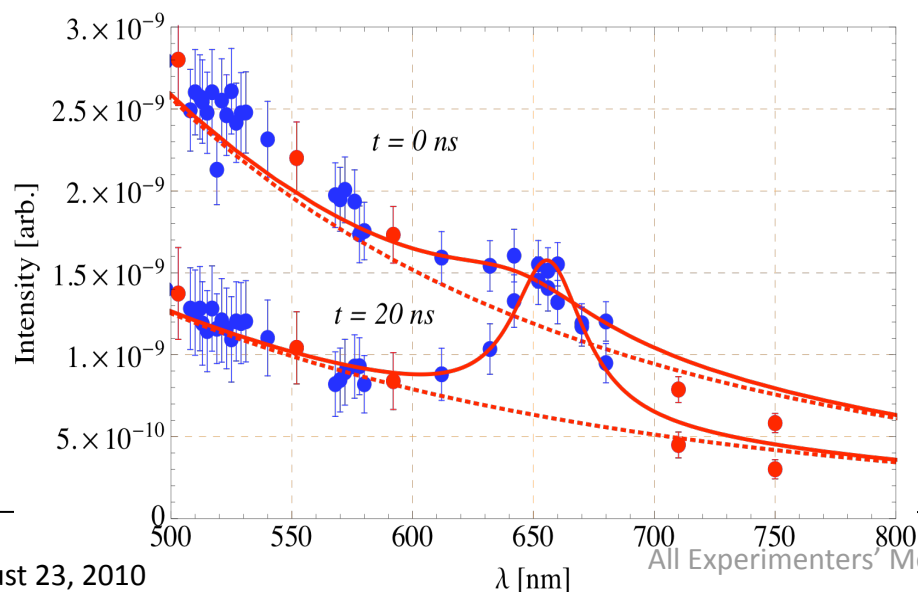
Study hydrogen plasma dynamics: Spectroscopy of breakdown light



Spectroscopy in the high pressure RF cavity

Thermal radiation:

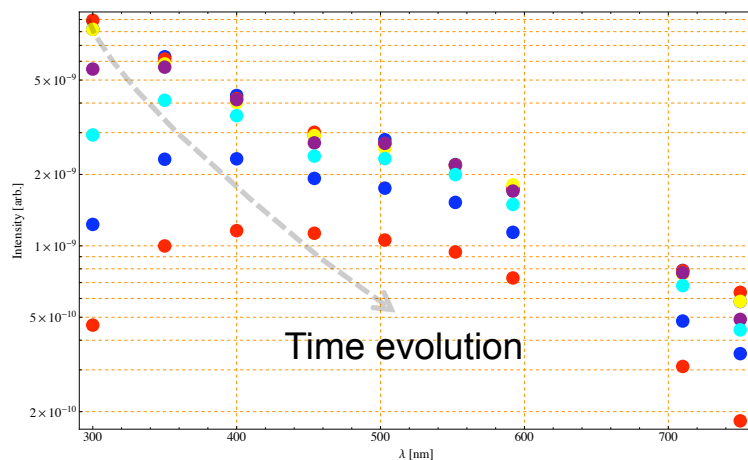
- Broken line is a least square fitting of thermal radiation formula by taking into account red points which is on neither any hydrogen nor copper resonance lines
- “0 ns” is a peak light intensity



Spectroscopy at Balmer line

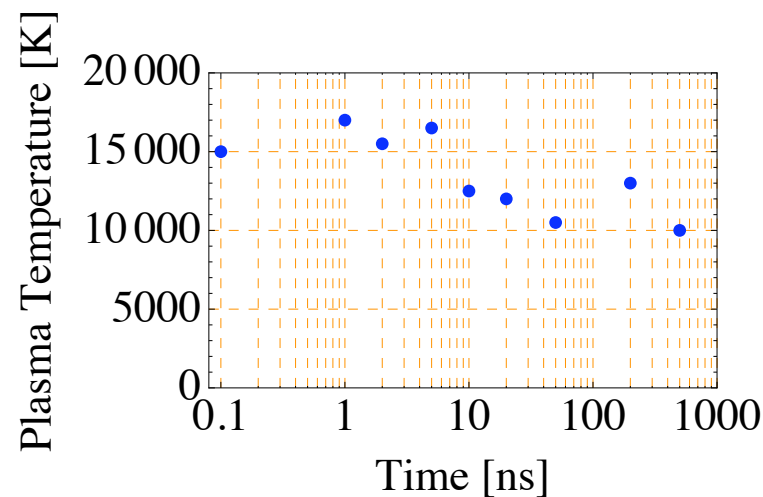
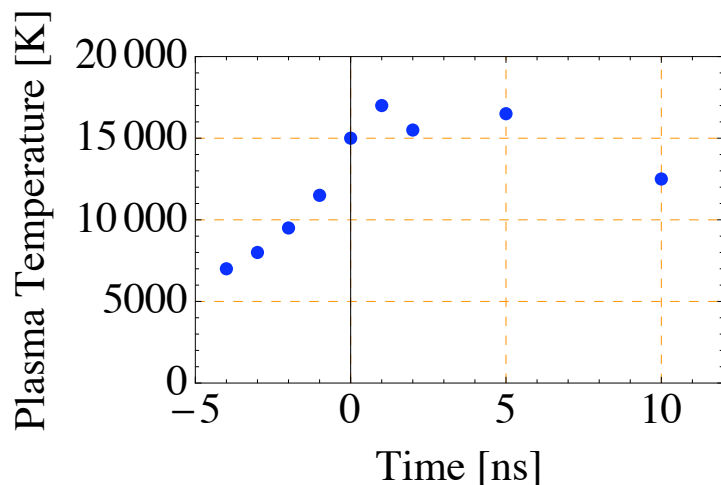
Spontaneous emission:

- Solid line is a least square fitting of Lorentz function by taking into account all points
- Timing delay due to lifetime of de-excitation
- Broadened Balmer line is observed
- Stark effect well-explains resonance broadening
- Plasma density $10^{18} \sim 10^{19}$ electrons/cm³



Thermal radiation spectrum

- Peak is shifted as a function of time



- High pressure RF cavity is a potential element for muon ionization cooling channel
 - Successful HPRF cavity tests in strong magnetic fields have been done
 - Physics rich subject: Not only accelerator physics but also plasma & atomic physics topics are involved in R&D
- Beam test is scheduled to demonstrate HPRF cavity in high radiation condition
 - First 400 MeV proton beam test will be finished at the end of 2010
- Spectroscopy of breakdown has been done
 - Measure thermal radiation
 - Analyze plasma temperature
 - Observe broadened resonance light
 - Estimate plasma density